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Applicant: Philip J. BARR *et al.* Examiner: Jennifer M. KIM
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OTITIS MEDIA

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response, applicants petition concurrently herewith for a three (3) month extension of time, extending time to respond to and including **April 20, 2005**, and submit the following amendments and remarks. Applicants file concurrently herewith:

- a Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address Indication Form;
- a Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b); and
- a Supplemental IDS, with copies of references as required.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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